

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	Fontana Library & Resource Technology Center 1032	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	13,058
<i>Applicant</i>	Fontana, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	86,684
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	San Bernardino County Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	128,929
<i>Project Type</i>	New Library	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	6/1/2003
<i>Project Priority</i>	1st	<i>Total Library Project Amount</i>	\$32,750,020
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	Joint Venture	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$20,000,000
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	YES		
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO		

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population growth:</i>		410%
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		Yes
<i>Age and condition of existing library:</i>	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	Acceptable	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:		Very Good

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 410.4%

Age and Condition The existing library was built in 1963 and has not been renovated. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate space for all services and functions; inadequate site size to expand the current library; current facility incapable of supporting an additional floor; non-compliance with ADA and seismic codes; inadequate telecommunication infrastructure; inadequate lighting levels; inappropriate space flexibility/relationships; and inefficient energy use.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included gathering input from residents via focus groups and community meetings. The community characteristics section consists of pages of statistics without analysis. Brief, cursory summary comments related to the community characteristics are included in the analysis of service needs, which appears to be disconnected from the clientele. Library services to be provided for students in conjunction with the school district appear to have been decided without adequate justification.

The plan of service is not linked to the needs assessment. Goals, objectives, and service indicators are adequate, but lack qualitative assessment. Objectives frequently appear to be implementation activities. Services are discussed in general terms and lack detail.

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The building program adequately implements the plan of service. This is a multipurpose project, with a small amount of space (4,300 SF) devoted to "Information Systems," which is not mentioned in the planning documents until the building program.

The conceptual plans The floor plan shows spaces by major divisions rather than by individual spaces. Spaces, if identified at all, are identified only by the name of the major division to which they belong, making it difficult to determine if the requirements of the building program are met. The building program does not communicate well.

Joint use agreement: Homework Center, Family Literacy Center, Computer Center, Career Center, & Shared Electronic/Telecommunications This is a five-way agreement between the city, county, and four school districts. The agreement does not represent a partnership between the two parties. The school district will provide only a collection of school textbooks and will encourage students to use the services. The sole responsibility for staffing and operation of the joint use services lies with the city. It is clear from the agreement that the county will provide all funding for the library, but a funding level is not indicated.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The uses of technology to provide library services is found throughout the planning documents, and appear to adequately provide for current basic library services. Technology uses include providing computers, Internet access, computer lab, and software databases.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The proposed site will be a part of the civic center that will include the city hall, police and fire stations, a community center, and a civic park. A post office, Mummer's Theatre, women's club, historical society, two public schools, and senior housing are in close proximity. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.